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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 3, line 25, as follows:

--In the case of Japanese Laid-open Patent Application 2001-117425 or 2001-117468, in order to extend the service life of the photoconductive drum of each process cartridge, the amount of the charge current to flow be flowed in the process cartridge is switched according to the properties of the cartridge and the information stored in the storage medium of the cartridge; the amount of the charge current is switched to the minimum value necessary to keep image quality at a preferable level. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 4, line 8, as follows:

--Incidentally, there are other methods for extending the service life of a photoconductive member. For example, a photoconductive member may increased in the thickness of its surface layer, which is reduced ~~reduces~~ at a constant rate, or a harder substance may be used as the material for the surface layer, while keeping the photoconductive drum the same in the thickness of the surface layer. --

Please amend the paragraph starting at page 4, line 27, as follows:

--However, in the case of the above described conventional method in which a harder substance is used as the means for extending the service life of a photoconductive drum, a new substance must be developed from scratch, and evaluated. Therefore, this method requires a substantial length of time. In addition, if a harder substance is used as the material for the surface layer of a photoconductive drum, the surface layer of the photoconductive drum is less likely to